year-wise stating the method adopted for determining the amount of compensation to be paid to them; and

(b) whether there have been any instances where a survey has been conducted to assess the damage to the crop due to hailstorm etc., without the knowledge of the affected farmers and the amount of compensation had been determined, and if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for not conducting such surveys with the knowledge of the farmers affected by damage to their crop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The season-wise details of indemnity claims settled by the Government of India in respect of farmers of implementing States and Union Territories against the claims preferred under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme are indicated in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below) The method adopted for determining the amount of indemnity claims payable to the insured farmers is that the indemnity payable is limited to the extent of shortfall in the actual yield (determined on the basis of crop cutting exercise after harvesting) vis-a-vis threshold yield which is 80 per cent of the actual average yield for a crop for a notified area for last five years as per the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Shortfall in yield*}}{\text{Threshold yield}} \times \text{Sum insured**} \text{ for the farmer}$$

(*Threshold yield less the actual average yield for the defined area)

(**Sum insured is 150 per cent of the crop loan disbursed to the farmer)

(b) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government of India.

Statement

Season-wise details of indemnity claims settled by the Government of India against the claims preferred under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

Season	Amount of claims preferred	Amount of claims settled
	(Rs. in lakhs)	(Rs. in lakhs)
Kharif 1985	10100.00	8093.00
Rabi 1985-86	242.69	242.69
Kharif 1986	15581.18	9159.26 (as on 26-8-87)
Rabi 1986-87	Details not yet received.	

Profit and loss of SAIL

4174. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of profits and losses incurred by the Steel Authority of India during the last three years;

(b) the remedial measures taken by Government to reduce losses; and

(c) at what capacity rate the different steel plants under SAIL are running during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) A statement is given below showing the

profits/losses earned by SAIL and IISCO (a fully owned subsidiardy of SAIL) during 1984-85 and 1985-86:—

	Profit (+)/Loss(—) (Rs. in crores)	
	SAIL	IISCO
1984-85 . . .	(+) 4.24	(—) 81.60
1985-86 . . .	(+)159.00	(—) 60.99

The profitability for the year 1986-87 will be known after finalisation/audit of accounts.

(b) SAIL is making efforts to improve its profitability *inter alia* by way of the following measures:—

(i) Increase total production and also production of demand-oriented products by diversifying product mix;

(ii) Improve techno-economic parameters;

(iii) Reduce inventories and working capital;

(iv) Systematic improvement in maintenance of Plant and equipment for better availability;

(v) Ensure adequate inputs and of the right quality;

(vi) Modernisation of the projects alongwith technological upgradation; and

(vii) Intensify research & development efforts.

(c) The table below indicates the capacity rate at which different steel plants under SAIL have been running during these last three years:

Plant	Capacity utilisation (%) (In terms of Ingot Steel)		
	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Bhilai . .	77*	76*	66
Durgapur .	48	55	58
Rourkela .	62	65	61
Bokaro . .	77	80	66
IISCO . .	44	56	53
SAIL . .	66*	69*	63

*With respect to 2.5 mt. stage at Bhilai Steel Plant.

Special programmes for rural labourers in U.P.

4175. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any special programmes for rural labourers in drought affected areas of Uttar Pradesh and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether any proposal in this regard has been submitted to the Central Government by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The ceilings of expenditure is approved for Employment Generation works for small and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers in the drought affected areas.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Uttar Pradesh in their memorandum submitted on 16-8-1987 seeking central assistance in the wake of drought, has also sought Rs. 67.66 crores for Employment Generation (RES) works.